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COUNTRY	SOUTH VIETNAM	REPORT NO.	[REDACTED]
SUBJECT	COMMENTS OF [REDACTED] THE DESIRABILITY, PROBLEMS AND CONSEQUENCES OF A COUP D'ETAT	DATE DISTR.	28 JANUARY 1962
		PRECEDENCE	ROUTINE
DATE OF INFO.	[REDACTED]	REFERENCES	IN 18150
PLACE & DATE ACQ.	VIETNAM, SAIGON [REDACTED]		
APPRAISAL	[REDACTED]	FIELD REPORT NO.	[REDACTED]

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SOURCE [REDACTED]

1. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] CERTAIN GENERAL OFFICERS HAVE CONSULTED [REDACTED]
ON THE POSSIBILITY OF ATTEMPTING A COUP D'ETAT. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] SUCH A COUP WOULD BE TO PREVENT THE COUNTRY FROM
FALLING INTO THE HANDS OF THE VIETNAMESE COMMUNISTS (VC).

2. [REDACTED] AGREEMENT WITH THESE GENERALS IN
PRINCIPLE ON THE NECESSITY FOR A COUP D'ETAT, BUT WAS WORRIED BOTH
ABOUT THE METHOD TO BE EMPLOYED AND THE CONSEQUENCES. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] CERTAIN POLITICAL AND RELIGIOUS GROUPS WISHED TO KNOW

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A COUP WITH THE SUPPORT OF MILITARY ELEMENTS. HOWEVER, THESE GROUPS WERE TOO DIVIDED TO BE SUCCESSFUL. [REDACTED] THE ONLY SUCCESSFUL COUP WOULD BE ONE MOUNTED BY THE ARMY ITSELF. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

3. SPEAKING IN GENERAL TERMS, [REDACTED] SETTING UP SUCH A COUP TWO THINGS WERE IMPORTANT: TO AVOID BLOODSHED, AND TO ORGANIZE AS SMALL A FORCE AS POSSIBLE IN ORDER NOT TO ALLOW THE PLAN OF ACTION TO BE EXPLOITED BY THE VC. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] THE GENERAL OFFICERS DECLARE THE WHOLE OF SOUTH VIETNAM TO BE IN A STATE OF SEIGE. THE TROOPS WOULD THEN BE FORBIDDEN TO MOVE WITHOUT AN EXPRESS ORDER FROM THE REVOLUTIONARY COMMITTEE AND ALL ROADS LEADING TO SAIGON WOULD BE GUARDED.

4. IN CASE THE COUP WERE SUCCESSFUL, A REVOLUTIONARY COMMITTEE OF THREE GENERAL OFFICERS WOULD DIRECT EVERYDAY GOVERNMENT BUSINESS WITH THE HELP OF TECHNICAL ADVISORS AND OF ALL THE SECRETARIES OF STATE, WHO WOULD HAVE REMAINED AT THEIR POSTS. DURING THIS PERIOD THE PEOPLE WOULD BE ABLE TO CHOOSE THE HEAD OF THE STATE.

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6. [REDACTED] DISEM. STATE MAAG USOM CINCPAC PACFLT ARPAC PACAF.

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